The State of the Cafe:

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Be wiſe now therefore, O ye Kings; be inſtructed ye Judges of the Earth. Pſal. 2. 10.

Preface.

IF the Court will buy, and the [illegible] will ſell, and the People muſt find Money to make good the bargain; moreover, if a Standing Army muſt be kept on foot to keep the Ghoſt of Old *England* from ariſing to demand her Juſt Rights and Liberties; Then it is high time for the Clergy of the Church to preach Patience and Paſſive Obedience, till the Great Day of Judgment, wherein all things will be ſet to rights.

CHAP. I. Or, *A Queſtion to the eldeſt man in* England.

Sir, Do you remember any King's Reign, wherein the People did not complain of Incroachments upon their Rights and Liberties?

CHAP. II. Or, *A Queſtion to the youngeſt man in* England.

Sir, Don't you remember the time when the People were content to live peaceably in the enjoyment of their Liberty and Property, tho the Regal Adminiſtration was veſted in a Commitee of Nine men?

CHAP. III. Or, *A Queſtion to any man in* England.

Sir, Would not you be as well pleaſed to enjoy your Life, Liberty and Eſtate, if the Supreme Adminiſtration were lodg'd in Ninety and Nine, as when it was only in a Commitee of Nine?

But not to multiply Doubts, here follows

The Concluſion, or

An Anſwer to all Queſtions at once.

True Religion and good Government are certainly the greateſt bleſſings that Mankind can wish or enjoy: yet he who ſhall wildly and warily conſider the Fantaſtick Wickedneſs of the Brain, and the ingenious Wickedneſs which is in the Heart of man, will not greatly be ſurprized, when he ſhall happily diſcover, that in (on the one hand) ſuperſtitious Myſtery and needleſs Ceremony make up the whole Tranſgreſſion of Superſtition; ſo (on the other hand) nicely reflecting Politicians and Politicking Divines are the Hypocriſies which make the whole Myſtery of Religion and Government conſiſt in a Court.

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